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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Expanding Multnomah County, Oregon's Capacity to Ensure Timely Prosecution and Effective Victim Services in Response to Gun Violence Within Oregon's 1st and 3rd Congressional Districts project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Multnomah County, Oregon located at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600, Portland, OR 97214. The funding would be used by Multnomah County to fund 1 FTE Deputy District Attorney and 1 FTE Victims Advocate to decrease caseloads and increase capacity to prosecute gun-related crimes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because while there are no 'quick fixes' to the issue of gun-violence, additional staffing resources funded through this award will allow Multnomah County District Attorneys to enhance their effectiveness by increasing access to attorneys and advocates, assistance to domestic violence protective orders and dispossessed firearm protective orders and increase victim participation in the prosecution process.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress